

GOSSIP OF THE CAPITAL.

THE EFFORT TO GET RECOGNITION FOR A SCOUT'S BRAVE SERVICE.

THE CHRISTMAS PILGRIMS AT MOUNT ST. SEPULCHRE—MR. STOWE REPORTS ON THE OUTLANDER EXODUS FROM SOUTH AFRICA.

Washington, Dec. 30.—The Speaker's messenger has been in the service of the House for some twenty-five years. He is a tall, well formed, fine appearing colored man, possessed of much dignity and with an suave manners as any member of Congress, and almost as diplomatic as any Ambassador. Not long ago a young woman from a small town in Virginia came with her fiancé to

Mission of the Holy Land, which consists of a large cross with four small crosses. The same emblem is reproduced in the pavement of the church in Venetian mosaic, so that the whole structure, resting on that emblem, is a forcible reminder of the scope and plan of the institution itself. Beneath the church proper are subterranean chapels, the one to the right being a reproduction of the grotto at Nazareth, the one to the left of the grotto at Bethlehem, which are connected by an underground passage in the shape of the Catacombs at Rome. The high altar in the chapel is a reproduction of the Holy Sepulchre, before which two candelabra in the shape of a fivefold cross burn; a bass relief shows Christ triumphant on the open tomb, the guards look on with astonishment, and angels announce the resurrection.

THE MAINE'S DEAD IN ARLINGTON.

SERVICES ATTENDING THEIR BURIAL IN THE NATIONAL CEMETERY.

Washington, Dec. 30 (Special).—At Arlington, in the presence of the President and Cabinet, Admiral Dewey, General Miles, Captain Egleston and a vast assembly of eminent men and relatives of the dead, supported by a guard of honor from the three military services of the Government, 150 coffins, containing all the unidentified remains rescued from Havana Harbor after the destruction of the United States battleship Maine, were on Thursday brought home from Havana within two years after the catastrophe which shocked the civilized world and precipitated war, the solemn obsequies and honors paid were significant of the Nation's regard for its protectors. The men of the Maine now rest in individual graves in that portion of the National

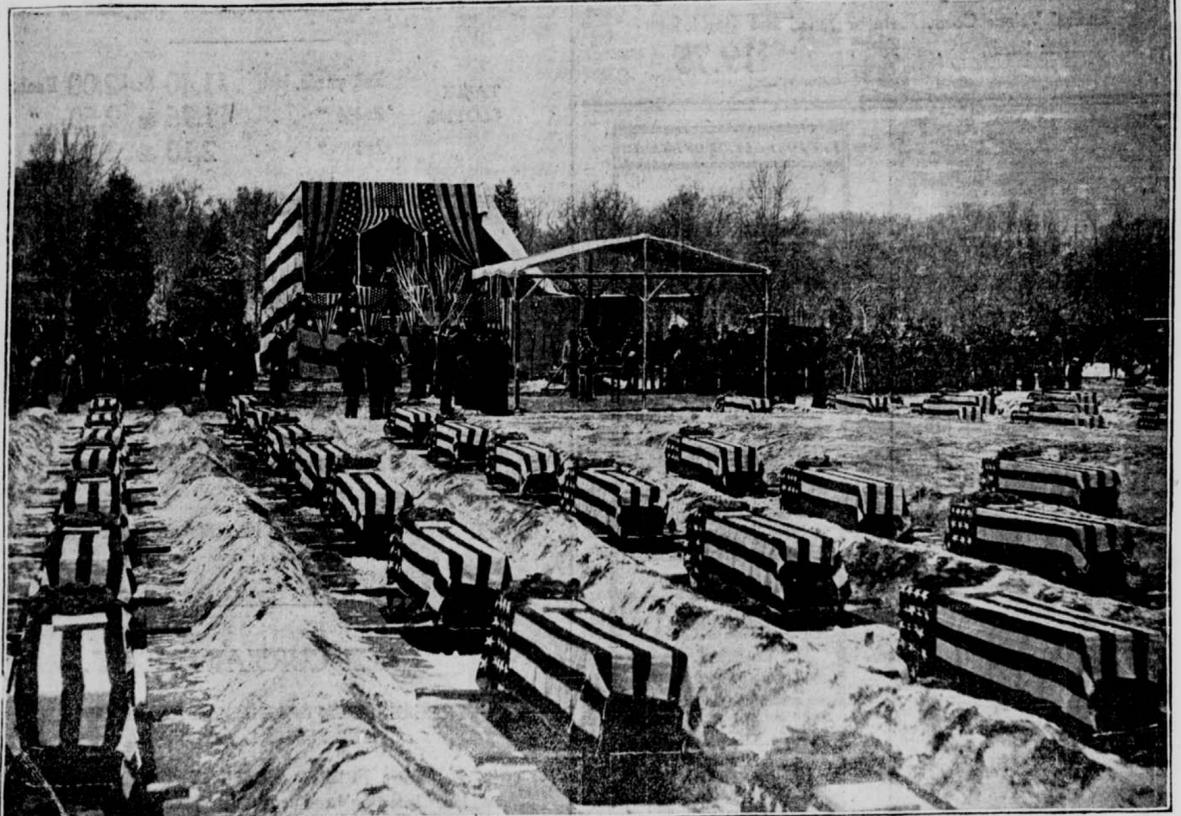
A BIG NAVAL YACHT.

THE TRIAL OF THE CHESAPEAKE, CADET TRAINING SHIP.

ARGUMENTS THAT LED TO THE BUILDING OF A SAILING SHIP WITHOUT STEAM—A GOOD RECORD OF BOSTON.

Washington, Dec. 30 (Special).—The new training cruiser Chesapeake, built for the purpose of familiarizing Naval Academy cadets with the principles of seamanship, has the distinction of being the first Government vessel designed in the last thirty years devoid of steam power for propulsion, and is unique as the largest and finest sailing yacht in the world. Rear Admiral Hichborn, who drew her plans and supervised her construction with the care of an affectionate parent, says that for fine lines, speed,

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THE MAINE'S DEAD AT ARLINGTON CEMETERY, WASHINGTON. Taken while the funeral rites were in progress.

spend the day at the Capitol. Her one ambition was to shake hands with the Speaker; the one ambition of her sweetheart was to satisfy her aspiration. It was Saturday, and the House had adjourned. The Speaker was taking a much needed rest, so a messenger informed the gentleman from Virginia. The loving couple, however, were allowed to look into his room. A tall, good looking man was using the telephone. He turned his face half round and bowed to the stranger, who stood at the door. "That is the Speaker," whispered the Virginian; "but come quickly; I promised we would not disturb him."

"Oh, I am so glad to have seen him!" announced his Dulcinea. "He is very handsome, but he is mighty dark, ain't he?" A joint committee of Senators, Representatives and citizens of the District appointed to make arrangements for the unveiling of the statue of Daniel Webster made by Chevalier Trentanove and presented to the Government by Silson Hutchins have completed their arrangements. The ceremonies will take place in the Lafayette Square Opera House on January 18. Senator Chandler, of New-Hampshire, will preside, and Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, will make the address. After the President's acceptance of the statue on behalf of the United States, those in charge of the affair and the invited guests will drive to Scott's Circle, where the unveiling will take place.

A bill before Congress which it is expected will receive prompt action, having been favorably reported in a previous Congress by both houses and passed by the Senate, is for the relief of Hattie A. Phillips, widow of the brave scout who made the famous ride from Fort Kearney to Fort Laramie in December, 1895, which resulted in saving the garrison of the former post from being massacred by the Sioux. The story of John Phillips's celebrated ride is as interesting as any incident in the history of Indian warfare in the West. At the time it was made Fort Kearney, at the foot of the Big Horn Mountains, two hundred miles from the nearest telegraph station, was the extreme outpost in the Northwest, commanded by Colonel Henry B. Carrington. The Sioux, under Red Cloud, had been seen in the vicinity, and a number of them had congregated on the Tongue River to the northeast of the fort. On December 21 the Indians attacked a wood train. Lieutenant Colonel Fetterman, with a detachment of two officers, seventy-eight men and a number of civilians, made a dash from the fort for the purpose of protecting the train, but were immediately surrounded and every one of them killed, whereupon the Indians, who numbered twenty to every soul in the garrison, invested the fort and threatened attack. Knowing that if the fort were taken it meant death for every man in the garrison and captivity for the women and children, John Phillips, a scout and hunter, volunteered to make his way to Fort Laramie and ask for assistance. He left the post in the middle of the night after the massacre, with only a few crackers in his pocket and no food for his horse. His path lay across a country barren, desolate, uninhabited, covered deep with snow and through bands of hostile Indians. The perils of the ride can scarcely be imagined. His scanty provisions were soon exhausted. His horse, half famished, was spurred on with difficulty; but he reached Laramie in safety, falling in a dead faint as soon as his dispatches were delivered. Assistance was promptly sent to Kearney, and the fort, garrison and the women and children, who, when it seemed they must fall into the hands of the Indians, had piteously begged that they might be taken to the powder house and there blown up, were saved. The man who accomplished this act of heroism was never rewarded by the Government, but to the end of his life was harassed and annoyed by the Sioux, who regarded him as their deadly enemy for having deprived them of what seemed an easy victory.

The Christmas season has attracted to Mount St. Sepulchre, the Franciscan monastery at the Catholic University, pilgrims from all over the country, who go to view its emblematic chapel, cells and corridors. The church is built in the form of a Greek cross, in the four corners of which are inserted the same number of chapels, forming the Franciscan arms of the

Below this is a fac simile of the place where the body of Christ was laid. Memorial lamps are suspended from the ceiling and over the tomb is a reproduction in relief of Raphael's "Resurrection," a replica of the silver panel donated by Cardinal Antonelli to the Holy Sepulchre. Above the Holy Sepulchre is Mount Calvary, a reproduction of the one at Jerusalem, which is approached by steep stairways on each side of the tomb. Behind the altar is the crypt of the Crucifixion, and at each side of Calvary doors lead into choirs. In the grotto of the Nativity a silver star is set in the floor like that of Bethlehem, which marks the spot where Christ is supposed to have been born, and all the details are carefully copied; even the stone bench on which the Turkish sentinel sits, while guarding the grotto in the Holy Land is reproduced. To one side the manger where Christ was laid by his mother is shown. From this grotto narrow passages wind to the subterranean chapel, a reproduction of one of the many chapels found in the hiding places of the early Christians; the body of Saint Benignus, brought from the Roman Catacombs, is buried in its altar. From the crypt a passageway leads to the Chapel of Poor Souls, where the bodies of those who die in the monastery lay before they are taken away for burial, and where masses for the deceased benefactors of the monastery are offered. It is proposed to place here an altar of black marble.

J. G. Stowe, the American Consul General at Cape Town, announces in a recent letter to the State Department that the exodus of Outlanders from the South African Republic and Orange Free State has been unprecedented in history. "Many of these people—the mining population, the bone and sinew of the country," he says, "have scattered over the world. Numbers of them too poor to get out of the country are subjects of charity in the cities of Cape Colony and Natal, and have to be fed. Some have funds for a few days or weeks, but will in time have to be supported by the public, and this in a country that cannot or does not produce the foodstuffs for its own people. The English Army is fed with supplies from other countries, and while much of these may have originally come from the United States, they reach here via England. The customs duties and railroad and telegraph revenues have fallen off. As the railroads and telegraphs are owned by the Government a very large source of Government support is lost, to say nothing of the employes thrown out of work.

"Johannesburg, in the Transvaal, and Bloemfontein, in the Free State, are to all intents and purposes deserted cities. Johannesburg, the largest commercial center in South Africa, has, so far as trade is concerned, ceased to exist. This once busy, bustling city, producing monthly over fifteen tons of gold and yearly \$90,000,000 worth, is silent. Up to this time goods have reached the Transvaal via Delagoa Bay, but it is not supposed that they will long be permitted to enter. The two republics must then live on their own resources. Their crops are ready for the sickle, but cannot be cut, as the men are off to the war. Prices are so high that the trade papers refrain from publishing the usual column of market prices. Large quantities of gold en route to seaports in this colony for shipment to the rear sections of the building for rental purposes. Fortunately, the Book Concern owned the annex, and convert much valuable space into a school and offices for rent. It is believed the rental income from the building for rental purposes will amount to \$2000 a year, which will be divided between the American and the Missionary Society, in proportion to the amount of floor space occupied by each.

CHANGES IN BOOK CONCERN BUILDING. Several changes of importance have been made in the New-York Book Concern Building. The object has been to provide space for the manufacturing department on less valuable floors than have hitherto been occupied, and release the entire Fifth-ave. front of the building for rental purposes. Fortunately, the Book Concern owned the annex, and convert much valuable space into a school and offices for rent. It is believed the rental income from the building for rental purposes will amount to \$2000 a year, which will be divided between the American and the Missionary Society, in proportion to the amount of floor space occupied by each.

Cemetery known as Hall's Knoll. The plot assigned to the sailors is some distance from the Port Myer gate of the necropolis, on the roadway leading immediately from the right of that entrance. A flag covered stand was arranged across the roadway immediately in front of the burial plot. From there the President and other dignitaries of the Nation witnessed the ceremonies. The religious exercises were conducted from beneath a canopy stretched in close proximity to the coffins. Just before the services began two troops of dismounted cavalry arrived from Fort Myer. They formed an escorting line about the burial plot, their yellow lined jackets, plumed hats, giving contrasting color to the flaring red of the marines, stationed to the left of the guests' stand. A large crowd of private citizens was present. The unpleasant weather conditions under foot seemed not to affect those interested in the patriotic and solemn occasion.

Chaplain Clarke, of the Navy, first advanced to the canopy, and read the Episcopal burial service impressively. As the bodies of the dead were committed, "earth to earth, dust to dust," a sailor spread a handful of earth upon the nearest coffin. The Catholic service prescribed for the ceremony at the grave was gone through as those present stood with bowed heads. When Chaplain Chidwick had completed his final prayer, a detail of marines advanced to a position near the first row of graves and fired three volleys, a bugle

maneuvering qualities and interior comforts no sailing vessel afloat compares with the Chesapeake, and he should not be surprised if many wealthy yachtsmen, after witnessing her performance next summer, do not abandon their plans for expensive steam pleasure craft and imitate this new practice ship, which could take them over every ocean regardless of coal depot and disabled machinery. True lovers of the sea who cruise for the sake of cruising, and to whom mere timetables are no consideration, he predicts, will become enthusiastic over the Chesapeake when they appreciate what luxuries can be substituted for cumbersome boilers, space-consuming coal bunkers and hot, complicated machinery. With no restrictions as to cargo capacity, the Chief Naval Constructor has been free to adopt hull lines impossible in even the cleanest cut Yankee clipper ships that made the American merchant marine famous by their wonderful voyages from China to the Atlantic, and the space thus saved has been used for the installation of steam heat and ventilating apparatus throughout the hull, of a complete system of electric illumination and hoisting engines for sails and anchor, and of a refrigerating plant and other twentieth century refinements. In high latitudes such a thoroughly warmed and lighted ship must present

perment at this time of the year, when storms often make the New-England coast exceedingly dangerous for new ships to put sea under sail before under sail, and manned by a comparatively green crew. Yet this was the hazard accepted by Commander Enroy, one of the typical sailors of the line, whose voyages on the Thetis and other ships years ago gave him fame. As chairman of the Sub-Inspection Board, he was designated to find the sailing qualities of the ship, while two other members of the board, Chief Engineer O'Connell and Chief Engineer Henderson, went along to examine the hull and equipment and the mechanical contrivances of the novel craft. The Board reports: From the report of the Secretary of the Navy, it appears that the Board met at Boston December 18 and boarded the Chesapeake in Nantasket Roads. There was a heavy fog, with light airs from the northward and eastward, presaging bad weather, but the test of the ship was entirely satisfactory. The Board reports: She was maneuvered by lacking and wearing. Her steady heel under topsails by the wind was 7 to 10 degrees, and in squalls the heel increased to 14 degrees. The leeway in fresh breezes was from one-eighth to one-fourth when full and by.

stepped forward and sounded "taps," and the ceremonies were over. NEW BLOUSE FOR SEVENTH REGIMENT. The Board of Officers of the 7th Regiment has adopted a new field blouse. It is of gray cloth, fashioned after the English tunic, with black collar and black cuffs, and nine rows of buttons in front. The regimental device is on the shoulder straps. The same coat will be adopted for the enlisted men of the regiment, provided they are in favor of it, and the matter is to be voted upon by each company of the command. Private Charles W. Kirby, Albert Plimpton and John W. Remer, of Company E, have been elected lance corporals. Company F will celebrate the centenary of the anniversary of its organization the latter part of January in an annual smoker. The veteran members of the company are invited to be present.

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LION-HEARTED LAWTON. AN AFFECTIONATE TRIBUTE FROM MAJOR G. CREIGHTON WEBB. Major G. Creighton Webb has felt the death of General Lawton deeply, as was natural in the case of one who had been in close contact with a man of such commanding personality. The Major said: Deeply grieved as I am over the General's death, which comes to me as a personal as well as a national loss, I cannot say I am much surprised, having noted the exposure of his life on the march to Siboney, where he led the column through an unknown and hostile country; at the battle of El Caney, and next day at the trenches of San Juan Ridge, he exposed himself in the most reckless fashion. The sight of General Lawton and General Chaffee placidly standing in the front of the trench within which our troops were snugly hidden to avoid the leaden hail, while they discussed the best line of action which it was their duty to intrinsecate, was a truly inspiring one. 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